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Sent via email: 74605-77981800@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Mr. Ader:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 1, 2019. You are seeking all documents relating to the U.S. Army's participation in the production of the film *Godzilla: King of the Monsters* (2019). Your request was assigned our office tracking number FA-19-0139.

Under the FOIA, a government agency is required to make a "good faith effort to conduct a search" 5 USC 552(a)(3)(A). Our office requested a records search from the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Western Region (OCPA-West). OCPA conducted a search and review for any records responsive to your FOIA request; however, this search failed to yield responsive records. Be advised, since Mr. Bigart was not affiliated with the Department of the Army, we could not locate any records that would be responsive to your FOIA request. We have determined this search was reasonable. See *Duenas Iturralde v. Comptroller of the Currency*, 315 F.3d 311, 3154 (D.C. Cir. 2003).

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Alecia Bolling, by email at us.army.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmnda-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at (571) 515-0306. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the national Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov, telephone number (202) 741-5770 toll free at (877) 684-6448 or by facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

This letter constitutes a "no record" determination under the FOIA. This determination has been made on behalf of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, who has designated that this office will act as the Initial Denial Authority for records maintained by the Office of the Secretary of the Army and its serviced activities. You have the right to file an administrative appeal with the Office of the Army General

Counsel within ninety (90) calendar days. See 32 C.F.R. § 518.17(c). Their mailing address is:

Department of the Army
Office of the General Counsel
104 Army Pentagon, Room 2E724
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If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact this office at (703) 614-5871 or email at usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-rpa.mbx.oaa-cals-mailbox-foia@mail.mil. In all correspondence please refer to FOIA number FA-19-0139.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. DeAgostino". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul V. DeAgostino
Senior Counsel